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**REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2004, claims 3, 4, 5, 14 and 16 have been amended and claims 1, 2, 15, 32 and 33 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 3-14, 16 and 18-21 are now in the case. The Applicant respectfully believes that the application is now in condition for immediate allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the amended application are requested.

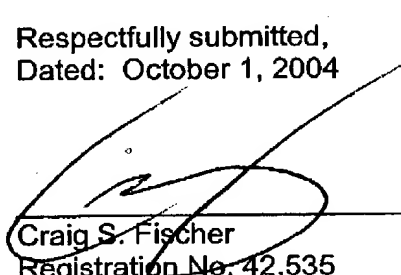
**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Office Action stated that claims 3-14, 16 and 18-21 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, the Applicant has amended claims 3, 4, 5, 14 and 16 as suggested. With the cancellation of rejected claims 1, 2, 15, 32 and 33 in this amendment all of the remaining claims are allowable. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully submits that subject application as amended is in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this subject application to issue.

In an effort to expedite and further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant kindly invites the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (805) 278-8855 if the Examiner has any comments, questions or concerns, wishes to discuss any aspect of the prosecution of this application, or desires any degree of clarification of this response.

Respectfully submitted,  
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